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Argentine human rights organizations have expressed concern for the safety of prisoners following their release from prison. In the past two months, at least five prisoners have disappeared shortly after they were released late at night. Two other persons reportedly disappeared last month after attending a mass for a Paraguayan refugee.

The assassination on 10 April of an undersecretary in Argentina's Ministry of Economy is the first major terrorist incident in almost a year. The style of the

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attack suggests it was the work of one of the nation's two major leftist terrorist organizations, the Peoples Revolutionary Army or the Montoneros.

The action is almost certainly calculated to focus attention on economic grievances at a time when the government's austerity measures are coming under increasing political attack. Neither of the terrorist groups, which have been hard hit by the military government, is likely to become a more serious threat.

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